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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: September 5, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X(a): Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) for (a) Bell Creek Riverfront Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) for (a) Bell Creek Riverfront Park.

Background: The Safe Neighborhood, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) authorized \$2.1 billion primarily for the development and improvement of state and local parks. The majority of this money (about \$1.3 billion) is directed to the state Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for land acquisitions, park development and restoration, as well as grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations. The State of California Resources Agency is administering the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program. The "Grant Guidelines" require that applicants submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body. Applications for the funding are due August 31, 2007. MRCA staff has submitted the application for the project described below. If the Governing Board approves the subject resolution, staff will submit the resolution as soon as possible.

Bell Creek Riverfront Natural Park: This project will be developed on a 15,000 square-foot lot along the southern side of Bell Creek channel just west of its confluence with Chatsworth Creek. The lot is a dedication/donation from an adjoining 19-unit development approved by the City of Los Angeles approximately two years ago. Public access will be via Sale Avenue. The larger lot to be developed is a wintering stopping ground for Canadian Geese. The park will provide

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both wildlife habitat and a nature trail, and will ultimately be a stop on the future Bell Creek Trail on the Los Angeles County Flood Control right-of-way.

This Project was submitted for funding in 2005 and 2006 to the California River Parkway Grant Program under the Water Security, Clean Drinking water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). The MRCA was not a recipient of the California River Parkway Grant Program funding.